(a) whether the Union Government have received any memoranda from converted Christians to include them in the Scheduled Caste list;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to bring forward a constitutional amendment to include the draft Christian communities in the scheduled Caste list; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The matter is under examination.

Nehru Yuvak Kendras

2660. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the aim of Nehru Yuvak Kendras functioning in the country;

(b) the number of such Kendras in Kerala;

(c) whether the Government have taken steps to assess the work of Nehru Yuvak Kendras; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) As per attached Statement-I

(b) There are 10 Nehru Yuva Kendras in Kerala.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) As per attached statement-II.

STATEMENT-I

The Nehru Yuva Kendras functioning in the country aim at providing the rural and non-student youth with an opportunity to take part in the process of national development, as also to develop their personality and skills. Popularisation of the accepted national objectives like self-reliance, pride in belonging to the country, socialism, secularism, democracy, national integration and development of the scientific temper amongst and through the youth is yet another important objective of the Scheme, emphasis being on character building, physical fitness and promotion of cultural activities.

STATEMENT-II

There is an inbuilt system of assessment of the activities conducted by Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan which is done by the four Information Development & Resource Agencies (IDARAs) viz:

1. Literacy House, LUCKNOW.
2. R.K. Mission, NARENDRAPUR.
3. Gandhigram Rural Institute, GANDHIGRAM.
4. Indian Institute of Youth Welfare, NAGPUR.

These IDARAs are fully funded by the Govt. of India.

Apart from this, internal audits of all the 398 Kendras in the country have been conducted and follow-up action taken.

In the month of May, 1990, the Planning Commission was requested to undertake a

quick evaluation of the Nehru Yuva Kendra Scheme. The Programme Evaluation Organisation of Planning Commission, Government of India, New Delhi has since submitted its Report on March, 14, 1991. The Evaluation has brought out that the scheme has generated awareness amongst village youth about their environment, national values and issues, development programmes and activities. The Report speaks highly of the catalytic role of youth clubs which have been instrumental in creation of assets and spreading general awareness among the people.

[*Translation*]

Family Welfare Centres in Tribal Areas

2661. PROF. ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new family welfare centres opened in the country, especially in tribal areas during the year 1990-91, State-wise;

(b) whether these centres are adequate to meet the demand;

(c) if not, the steps taken to increase their number;

(d) whether a number of new institutes which promote small family norms have been set up during the above period; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c). Family Welfare Centres are not being opened in the country including Tribal areas from VII Plan onwards and Sub-centres, Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres, are being opened for propagating small family norm besides Maternal and Child Health Care and Medical Services.

(d) and (e). According to available information 18872 Sub-Centres and 2878 Primary Health Centres were functioning in tribal areas as on 31/12/1990 and 130533/ Sub-Centres and 20540 Primary Health Centres against the requirement of 138665 Sub-Centres and 23780 Primary Health Centres in the country as on 31/12/1990. Statement showing State-wise number of Sub-Centres/Primary Health Centres required and in position as on 31/12/1990 in tribal areas and in the country as on 31/12/ 1990 are given in Statement-I and II respectively.

Due to constraint of funds it was decided not to provide central funding to set up any new sub-centres in 1990-91.